CLYDESDALE JACKSON GETS 1861'S 1ST TWO-HIT SHUTOUT

HARLEM'S #1 BREEZES THROUGH HILLTOP, THROWS FEWEST PITCHES OF ANY C.G. THIS YEAR

NEW YORK CITY (July 24, 1861) - The second half of the 1861 season has seen some notable pitching excellence, and there was more of it on display in the New York City Championship on Wednesday afternoon.

At Nodine Hill Park the Harlem Club (25-35) was visiting Hilltop of Yonkers (29-31), and Harlem exited the victors thanks to the first two-hit shutout of 1861 being pitched by their #1: Clydesdale Jackson. The durable starter – hence the name "Clydesdale" – had plenty of help, as the Harlem batsmen scored twelve runs on fourteen hits.

Jackson was able to relax, focusing on using his two grips that cause the ball to dip and swerve slightly to goad the Hilltoppers into weak contact, and the results speak for themselves. Aside from allowing just two hits, Jackson was not called for a Base on Balls and he completed the shutout on just 78 pitches – a season low for a Complete Game.

Jackson's biggest helper in the 12-0 win, aside from the ten Hilltop errors, was part-time starter Silas Peters, who hit 4/5 with two runs and an RBI while filling in at shortstop. Two other Harlem batsmen – Gavin Blair & Albert Glickman – had multiple hits during the game, and John Plotts drove in three runs.

The win still leaves Harlem seventh out of eight in the N.Y.C. Championship, but Wednesday's performance was a nice bright spot in what has been a tough season.